



# TOWN OF VERNON

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## Minutes – Regular Meeting – January 12, 2012

- 1.0 Chairman Hurd called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM at the Vernon Historical Society. Members present included Hurd, Iacobello, Quinn, Saucier and Nelson for Courtois. Also present were Shaun Gately, Vernon Economic Development Coordinator, and Cheri and Fred Arzt, Vernon Historical Society Members.
- 2.0 Minutes
  - 2.1 Acceptance of Minutes, Regular Meeting of December 8, 2011: On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Saucier, the minutes were approved. Quinn and Saucier abstained.
- 3.0 Communications
  - 3.1 No correspondence.
- 4.0 Review of the PZC, ZBA, and Demolition Applications
  - 4.1 No new applications.
- 5.0 County Home School
  - 5.1 Proposed Arts Center – Construction has begun to progress more rapidly. With installation of permanent electrical power, the interior work including the elevator installation can move more steadily.
- 6.0 Unfinished Business
  - 6.1 Design Guidelines for Historic Districts and Properties – Iacobello reported that she has attempted to contact staff at the State Historic Preservation Office to obtain info on application for grant money with which to publish the Guidelines. Gately offered to have them posted on the Town of Vernon web site. Hurd will forward a copy of the file to Gately.
  - 6.2 Study of the Strong Farm and other properties – No change in status; members discussed remaining tasks.
- 7.0 New Business
  - 7.1 The LHPC discussed the current vacancies; Nelson has asked for appointment as full member and Nicholson has recommended a neighbor as an alternate member. That leaves one additional vacancy to be addressed.
  - 7.2 The LHPC discussed the proposed sign for the Vernon Historical Society (VHS). R. Hurd recused himself from the room and the discussion. Fred and Cheri Arzt presented concept drawings and photos showing the internally illuminated sign proposed for the front lawn of the VHS. Members questioned the height and scale of the proposed sign. The applicants responded that the sign would be slightly lower than the height of the existing sign and that the sign conforms to the size limits imposed by the zoning regulations. The applicants will clarify the height prior to the public hearing.
- 8.0 There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert B. Hurd, Chairman / Acting Secretary

Date Approved: 3/8/2012